

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 24 as follows:

55 C₁ } 1. (Currently Amended) An image communication method for use by an image transmitting apparatus comprising:

a transmission step of automatically transmitting a plurality of image files indicated in a transmission image designation file to an external device;

B₁ a first list generation step wherein said image transmitting apparatus generates a list holding information indicative of the transmitted image files and information representing a transmission order of the image files transmitted in said transmission step, the list being named a file name different from that of the transmission image designation file and having a same format as that of the transmission image designation file; and

an output step of outputting the transmitted image files and the transmission order to an output device on the basis of the information held in the list.

2. (Previously Presented) The method to claim 1 further comprising

a storage step of storing image files, and

a selection step of selecting, from the image files stored in the storage step, a plurality of image files to be transmitted and a transmission order of the selected image files,

wherein, in said transmission step, the image files selected in said selection step are transmitted in the selected transmission order.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2 further comprising

a second list generation step of generating the transmission image designation file holding information representing the image files and the transmission order selected in the selection step,

wherein, in said transmission step, the image files are transmitted on the basis of the transmission image designation file generated in said second list generation step, and in said first list generation step, the list is generated on the basis of the transmission image designation file referred to in said transmission step.

31 4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein, when at least a part of the image files corresponding to the image information held in the transmission image designation file generated in said second list generation step is not transmitted, in said first list generation step, information indicating that failure of transmission has occurred is outputted.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information indicative of an image file is the file name of the image.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in said output step, the transmitted image files are automatically outputted in the transmission order.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said output device is a display device.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said output device is a printing device.

9. (Previously Presented) The method to claim 1 further comprising an image sensing step of sensing an image of an object to acquire an image file.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in said first list generation step, the list is generated in accordance with a mark file format defined in CIFF.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein, in said second list generation step, the list is generated in accordance with a mark file format defined in CIFF.

12. (Withdrawn) An image communication method comprising:

the reception step of receiving images from an external device;
a list generation step of generating a list holding information representing the received images and information representing a reception order of the images; and
an output step of outputting the received images and the order to an output device on the basis of the information held in the list.

13. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 12, wherein, in said output step, the received images are automatically outputted in the reception order.

14. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 12, wherein said output device is a display device.

B. 15. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 12, wherein said output device is a printing device.

16. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 12, wherein, in said list generation step, the list is generated in accordance with a mark file format defined in CIFF.

17. (Withdrawn) An image communication method characterized by comprising:
a first list generation step of generating a list holding pieces of information representing images to be transmitted and information representing a transmission order of the images;

a transmission step of transmitting the images to an external device on the basis of the list generated in the first list generation step;

a second list generation step of generating a list holding information representing the images transmitted in the transmission step and information representing the transmission order of the images; and

a third list generation step of generating a list holding information of images which are not transmitted in the images to be transmitted, on the basis of the lists generated in said first and second list generation steps.

18. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 17 further comprising a retransmission step of transmitting the image to said external device on the basis of the information held in the list generated in said third list generation step.

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19. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 17 further comprising an output step of outputting the information held in the list generated in said third list generation step to said output device.

20. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 17, wherein the information representing an image is the file name of the image.

21. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 19, wherein said output device is a display device.

22. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 19, wherein said output device is a printing device.

23. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 17, wherein the lists generated in at least one of said first to third list generation steps are generated in accordance with a mark file format defined in CIFF.

24. (Currently Amended) An image communication apparatus comprising:
transmission means for automatically transmitting a plurality of image files indicated in a transmission image designation file to an external device[[]];

first list generation means for generating a list holding information indicative of the transmitted image files and information representing a transmission order of the image files transmitted in said transmission step, the list being named a file name different from that of the transmission image designation file and having a same format as that of the transmission image designation file; and

control means for outputting the transmitted image files and the transmission order to output means on the basis of the information held in the list.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 24 further comprising

storage means capable of storing a plurality of image files, and

31 selection means for selecting, from the image files stored in said storage means, a plurality of image files to be transmitted and a transmission order of the selected image files,

wherein said transmission means transmits the image files selected by said selection means in the selected transmission order.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 25 further comprising

second list generation means for generating the transmission image designation file holding information representing the image files and the transmission order selected by said section means,

wherein said transmission means transmits the image files on the basis of the transmission image designation file generated by said second list generation means, and after image transmission by said transmission means, said first list generation means generates the list on the basis of the transmission image designation file referred to by said transmission means.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein when at least a part of the image files corresponding to the image information held in the transmission image designation file generated by said second list generation means is not transmitted, information indicating that failure of transmission has occurred is outputted.

31 28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the information indicative of an image file is the file name of the image.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said control means automatically outputs the transmitted image files in the transmission order.

30. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said output means is display means.

31. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said output means is a printing device.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 24 further comprising image sensing means for sensing an image of an object to acquire an image file.

33. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said first list generation means generates the list in accordance with a mark file format defined in CIFF.

34. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said second list generation means generates the list in accordance with a mark file format defined in CIFF.

35. (Withdrawn) An image communication apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving images from an external device;

list generation means for generating a list holding information representing the received images and information representing a reception order of the images; and

output means for outputting the received images and the order on the basis of the information held in the list.

36. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said output means automatically outputs the received images in the reception order.

37. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said output means is display means.

38. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said output means is a printing device.

39. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said list generation means generates the list in accordance with a mark file format defined in CIFF.

40. (Withdrawn) An image communication system having a plurality of image communication apparatuses for transmitting/receiving image data, wherein

a transmitting-side image communication apparatus comprises:

transmission means for transmitting images to a receiving-side image communication apparatus; and

first list generation means for generating a list holding information representing the transmitted images and information representing a transmission order of the images, and

a receiving-side image communication apparatus comprises:

reception means for receiving the images from said transmitting-side image communication apparatus; and

second list generation means for generating a list holding information representing the received images and information representing a reception order of the images.

41. (Withdrawn) The system according to claim 40, wherein the same number is assigned for the same image to the information representing the transmission order in the list generated by said first list generation means and the information representing the reception order in the list generated by said second list generation means.

42. (Withdrawn) The system according to claim 40, wherein at least one of said image communication apparatuses is a digital camera.

43. (Withdrawn) An image communication apparatus comprising:

first list generation means for generating a list holding pieces of information representing images to be transmitted and information representing a transmission order of the images;

transmission means for transmitting the images to an external device on the basis of the list generated by said first list generation means;

second list generation means for generating a list holding information representing the images transmitted by said transmission means and information representing the transmission order of the images; and

third list generation means for generating a list holding information of images which are not transmitted in the images to be transmitted, on the basis of the lists generated by said first and second list generation means.

44. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said transmission means transmits the images to said external device on the basis of the information held in the list generated by said third list generation means.

45. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 43 further comprising output means for outputting the information held in the list generated by said third list generation means to said output device.

46. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the information representing an image is the file name of the image.

B1 47. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said output device is a display device.

48. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said output device is a printing device.

49. (Withdrawn) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the lists generated by at least one of said first to third list generation means are generated in accordance with a mark file format defined in CIFF.

50. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium for an image communication method for use by an image transmitting apparatus, said product comprising:

first computer readable program code means for automatically transmitting a plurality of image files indicated in a transmission image designation file to an external device;

second computer readable program code means for causing said image transmitting apparatus to generate a list holding information indicative of the transmitted image

files and information representing a transmission order of the image files transmitted in said transmission step; and

third computer readable program code means for outputting the transmitted image files and the transmission order to an output device on the basis of the information held in the list.

51. (Withdrawn) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium for an image communication method, said product comprising:

first computer readable program code means for receiving images from an external device;

second computer readable program code means for generating a list holding information representing the received images and information representing a reception order of the images; and

third computer readable program code means for outputting the received images and the order to an output device on the basis of the information held in the list.

52. (Withdrawn) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium for an image communication method, said product comprising:

first computer readable program code means for generating a list holding pieces of information representing images to be transmitted and information representing a transmission order of the images;

second computer readable program code means for transmitting the images to an external device on the basis of the list generated in the first list generation step;

third computer readable program code means for generating a list holding information representing the images transmitted in the transmission step and information representing the transmission order of the images; and

fourth computer readable program code means for generating a list holding information of images which are not transmitted in the images to be transmitted, on the basis of the lists generated in the first and second list generation steps.
